

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting  
(UPS Proposals One, Two, and Three)

Docket No. RM2016-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION

(Issued January 14, 2016)

On January 13, 2016, the Postal Service filed a motion seeking an extension of time to submit comments.<sup>1</sup> In particular, the Postal Service seeks to extend the deadline for submitting comments by three business days, from January 20, 2016 to January 25, 2016. Postal Service Motion for Extension at 1. The Postal Service argues that the response of United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) to Chairman's Information Request No. 4,<sup>2</sup> raises "a number of new issues not included in [UPS's] previous submissions."<sup>3</sup> The Postal Service further argues that the requested extension is needed "for the full and fair consideration of the totality of material now submitted by UPS...." Postal Service Motion for Extension at 2. Finally, the Postal Service represents that the three business day extension should not prejudice any party and

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<sup>1</sup> Uncontested Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to File Initial Comments, January 13, 2016 (Postal Service Motion for Extension).

<sup>2</sup> United Parcel Service, Inc.'s Response to Chairman's Information Request No. 4, January 8, 2016 (UPS Response to CHIR No. 4).

<sup>3</sup> Postal Service Motion for Extension at 2. In support of this claim the Postal Service points to newly cited materials related to the use of Shapley values and new interpretations of a study conducted by Dr. Charles McBride. Postal Service Motion for Extension at 2; see McBride, Charles, The Calculation of Postal Inframarginal Costs, September 30, 2014. The report is available at: <http://www.prc.gov/sites/default/files/reports/McBride%20092814.pdf>.

that it will not substantially shorten the amount of time between the comment and reply comment deadlines. *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service notes that it is authorized to represent that: 1) UPS does not intend to oppose the Postal Service Motion for Extension; and 2) that Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc. and the Public Representative consent to the Postal Service Motion for Extension. *Id.* at 1.

Extensions of time may be granted as a matter of discretion upon a motion for good cause shown. See 39 C.F.R. § 3001.16. The Presiding Officer finds that the reasons cited by the Postal Service provide the requisite showing of good cause. Granting the requested extension should not prejudice any party as all active participants in this docket have consented to, or have declined to oppose, the Postal Service Motion for Extension. Consequently, no party would be effectively served if adequate time was not provided to evaluate the new materials raised in the UPS Response to CHIR No. 4. Additionally, granting the requested extension will not require an adjustment to the current deadline for reply comments, March 25, 2016, as the time between the comment and reply comment deadlines will continue to be approximately eight weeks. For the above reasons, the Postal Service Motion for Extension is granted. The revised deadline for the submission of comments shall be January 25, 2016.

Robert G. Taub  
Presiding Officer